

BROOK FARM**670 Baker Street, Boston**

“Plain living and high thinking” were the aims of the Brook Farm Institute for Agriculture and Education, founded in 1841 by New England Transcendentalists as an experiment in communal living. The project was financed by a sale of stock, and Nathaniel Hawthorne was one of the shareholders. He left after six months, and the community was closed in 1847. Though short-lived, Brook Farm was one of the country’s best-known communities of its type, largely because so many of New England’s literary lights were associated with it. The property later became a Lutheran orphanage. No buildings remain from the Transcendental period.